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Road trick Revenue officers in Bommanahalli Zone have managed to convert public road, existing for over 40 years, into private property CITY PAGE 4

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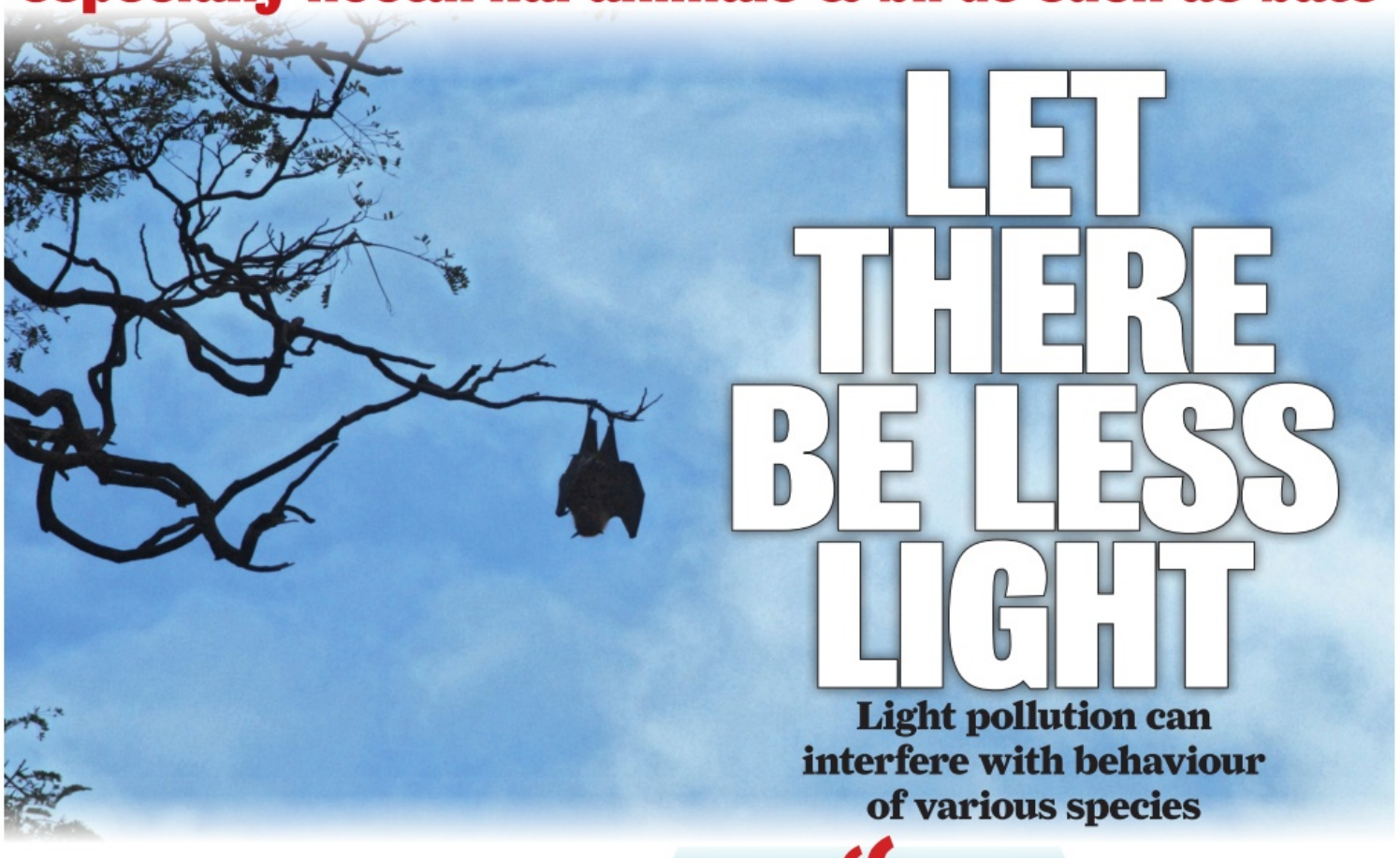
Nature lovers point out negative impact of rise in artificial lights around city's lakes on wildlife, especially nocturnal animals & birds such as bats



Light pollution can interfere with behaviour of various species

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Increase in artificial lights, such as street lights and bulbs in and around the city's lakes, are impacting birds and other wildlife. The issue has been highlighted by a group of nature lovers and residents of Koramangala, specifically Mestripalya Lake.

They say the lake is home to birds and nocturnal wildlife like bats and moths. Three bat species - insect-eating pipistrelle, short-nosed fruit bat, and large flying fox – have been observed at the lake. However, the placement of street lights around the lake to make the water body accessible to walkers during the night is bound to disturb the wildlife.

"There is a significant amount of research showing that artificial light at night exerts long-term stress on ecosystems and negatively impacts plant and animal communities. Light pollution can interfere with the behaviour of various species. Fledgling birds can get disoriented and collide with human structures. The majority of the lakes in Bengaluru are off-bounds to people after sunset. We recommend that this rule be applied to Mestripalya Lake as well," said a local.

> **"Putting street lighting around the lake will certainly interfere with the bat populations, particularly those which consume insects, and may lead to a proliferation of mosquitoes in the neighbourhood**
>
> —Resident of area around Mestripalya Lake

Locals highlight that the reed beds at Mestripalya provide shelter and nesting places for many species of birds. Indian Spot-billed Ducks, Little Grebes, Eurasian Moorhens, Eurasian Coots, Grey-headed Swamphens, Indian Pond Herons, and Red-wattled Lapwings are some of the species that have been recorded nesting in the reed beds at Mestripalya. Rare birds that migrate to the Indian peninsula in the winter months, such as the Eurasian Marsh Harrier, Indian Golden Oriole, Taiga Flycatcher, and Brown Shrike, have been

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₹8 cr for new nurseries as existing ones wilt away

As BBMP floats tenders to create new nurseries, environmentalists say civic agency does not have staff to maintain green spaces

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The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) Forest Department plans to spend Rs 870 lakh for creation of nurseries at different locations and to carry out new plantations across Bengaluru to increase green cover. The BBMP Deputy Conservator of Forests has floated a tender on August 19 inviting bidders to create new nurseries and carry out new plantations.

It is said the BBMP has nurseries at its eight zones and has been spending more than Rs 1 crore every year to maintain them. However, activists and environmentalists are not happy with the BBMP's plan to spend around Rs 8 crore to create new nurseries and carry out plantations in the city.

Most of them emphasised on the need to maintain the existing nurseries. Vinod Jacob of Namma Bengaluru Foundation said the

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3 THINGS TO DO

01 Lyrical thriller

Watch 'Sesh Shringo' (the final summit), an original contemporary play that depicts a lyrical thriller based on the mystery of the life of poet Chitrabhanu. SmaranniK's theatre group's new play 'Sesh Shringo' has been selected for four international and national theatre festivals and has registered full-house shows in Bengaluru and other cities. Directed by Sayandeb Bhattacharya, the play has also received several rave reviews to date from eminent theatre critics. **Where: Ranga Shankara, JP Nagar; When: August 23, 7:30 pm**

02 World of fun & creativity

Calling all little adventurers! House Of Little Monkey is here, bringing you a delightful mix of art, folk, theatre, literature, and fun-filled activities- perfect for kids and families. And the best part? Parents get free entry! Various activities like face painting, pot making, fire show, magic show, puppet show, shadow act, storytelling and health sessions, and so much more are in store at the event. Come, enjoy to your fullest! **Where: Jayamahal Palace; When: August 24 and 25**

03 Fantasy read

Tune into conversation between Prashanth Srivatsa and Lavanya Lakshminarayan as they discuss Prashanth's debut novel, 'The Spice Gate.' In this fantasy, you follow Amir, a young man born with the ability to travel between eight kingdoms, and watch as he unravels the power that keeps the world in balance. **Where: Champaca Bookstore When: August 25, 4 pm**

Exploring visual narratives

Students from various colleges explore the captivating photo exhibition by Bengaluru news photojournalists at Karnataka Chitrakala Parishath on Wednesday

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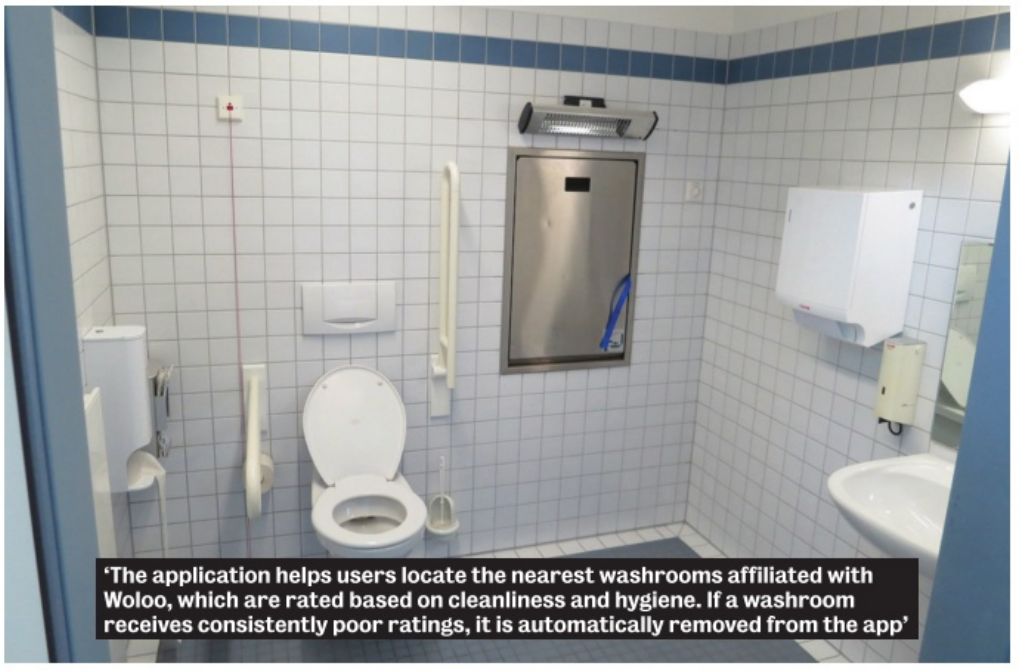
Washroom access made easy for women in khaki

So far, hygienic and safe washrooms have been major concern for women on-duty; it may not be so anymore



'The application helps users locate the nearest washrooms affiliated with Woloo, which are rated based on cleanliness and hygiene. If a washroom receives consistently poor ratings, it is automatically removed from the app'

Bengaluru City Police, in collaboration with Woloo, has introduced an initiative to provide easy access to clean, safe, and hygienic washroom facilities for its women staff. The innovative mobile app, designed by Woloo, enables women police personnel to locate the nearest Woloo washroom facility.

Many women constables, frequently stationed in various locations, face difficulties accessing washrooms. Often, there are no nearby restaurants, cafés, or other establishments where they can use the facilities. Even when such establishments are present, there have been instances where they are denied permission to use the washrooms, despite court orders mandating that restaurants, cafés, and other private establishments provide public access to their restrooms.

In such instances, this initiative will be of great help to constables and higher-ranking officers, as they are stationed in various locations. This initiative further offers one-year free access to the app for all women police personnel in the city.

Unique features

According to Siri Gowri, Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP) Traffic North, the unique feature of providing multiple options based on cleanliness sets this app apart. "...The app measures and ranks washrooms according to their cleanliness, making them distinct." Police personnel said that the main issue they face is hygiene. "The primary goal is to alleviate the distress that women police officers often face in this regard. The Woloo initiative promises to provide cleaner washrooms along with other essentials like sanitary pads, which I found very interesting and liked the most," she added.

> **"This initiative promises to provide cleaner washrooms along with other essentials like sanitary pads**
> – Siri Gowri, DCP Traffic North

About application

The Woloo app is user-friendly and follows a stringent protocol to guarantee hygiene and safety standards in its washrooms. It is aiming to address the long-standing issue of inadequate washroom facilities for women in public spaces.

Woloo founder and CEO Mahish Kelshikar shared with BM that Woloo, an app dedicated to providing safe and hygienic washrooms, is now available in 400 cities with access to 40,000 washrooms. "Our mission is to ensure clean and secure washrooms for everyone," he stated. "The app helps users locate the nearest washrooms affiliated with Woloo, which are rated based on cleanliness and hygiene. If a washroom receives consistently poor ratings, it is automatically removed from the app," he said. The application is striving to be an affordable solution for women across different segments of society. "This is our way of giving back," Kelshikar added.

Powder rooms

Additionally, Woloo is launching Powder Rooms—high-tech washrooms featuring women-centric retail products like pad dispensers etc, and a small café, which is set to open in the city soon.

— Atiya Firdos

BBMP simplifies Ganeshotsav permit process

Palike introduces single-window permit system for public events, with dedicated centres for streamlined processing, enhanced security and more

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As Ganesh Chaturthi approaches next month, a major festival in Bengaluru featuring numerous public Ganeshotsav events, all organisers must secure permission. Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) has launched a single-window platform to streamline the permission process.

Idol being carried by devotees in preparation for Ganesh Chaturthi

This single-window system for issuing permits at its 63 sub-division offices. This system aims to streamline the permit process for public events. BBMP Chief Commissioner Tushar Giri Nath announced this initiative, noting that the single-window system will allow residents to obtain permits under one roof. To ensure law and order during the Ganesh Chaturthi celebrations, a peace and harmony meeting was held on Wednesday at the Puttanna Chetty Town Hall. This joint effort by the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike and the Bangalore City Police was organised to address security and logistical arrangements for the festival.

In preparation for Ganesh Chaturthi, BBMP will set up single-window centres staffed by BBMP, police, Bangalore Electricity Supply Company Limited (BESCOM), and fire department officials. These centres will process permit applications for Ganesh installations. Addresses and details of these centres will be announced soon, allowing individuals to obtain all necessary permissions.

Nath said, "The BBMP will ensure proper arrangements for Ganesh immersion at major lakes, including Ulsoor Lake, and temporary mobile tanks will be set up at key locations to manage traffic and immersion. Security measures at these sites will include barricading, CCTV surveillance, lighting, skilled swimmers, and cranes to facilitate the immersion process."

City police commissioner B Dayanand said, "We will ensure peaceful and harmonious celebration, and for this, all necessary precautions will be taken to prevent any disruptions."

BM Education

Advertorial Promotional Feature

New enrolment process for distance and online education

Starting in the 2024-25 academic year, a new enrolment procedure for Open and Distance Learning (ODL) and Online Programmes will take effect from September 2024. This change aims to ensure students enrol only in approved Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs) and enhance transparency in admissions.

The University Grants Commission (ODL Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020, will guide the new enrolment procedure, ensuring students enrol only in recognised institutions listed on the UGC Distance Education Bureau website. This move addresses recent concerns about unrecognised institutions admitting students.

To protect student interests, a new mechanism will require students to register on the UGC-DEB web portal and create a unique DEB-ID using their Academic Bank of Credit (ABC)-ID. This DEB-ID will be mandatory for enrolling in recognised ODL/Online programmes, except for foreign learners, and will remain valid for a lifetime. HEIs are expected to implement this process effectively.

Aligning exams with SWAYAM

Universities will soon be able to align their examinations for SWAYAM courses with their regular academic calendars, according to UGC sources on Tuesday. The upcoming framework, set to be introduced by the University Grants Commission, aims to boost student participation in SWAYAM (Study Webs of Active Learning for Young Aspiring Minds) courses for credit accumulation.

SWAYAM is an online platform that allows students to take courses from leading Higher Education institutions to fulfil credit requirements for their university's academic programs. Currently, end-term proctored exams for SWAYAM-based credit courses are administered by the National Testing Agency (NTA) and the National Programme on Technology Enhanced Learning (NPTEL) at designated centres across the country.

The 24th SWAYAM Board meeting on March 5, 2024, decided that universities adopting UGC SWAYAM Regulations 2021 will be allowed to conduct examinations for SWAYAM courses directly. This change means students who have completed SWAYAM courses can now take their exams at their universities.

KSOU opens admissions

Karnataka State Open University, Mysuru, has commenced admissions for the academic year 2024-25 (July cycle) for both undergraduate and postgraduate programs. The university offers a range of courses. Prospective students can download the prospectus from the official website: www.ksoumysuru.ac.in, which provides detailed information. Applications can be submitted at: http://ksouportal.com/views/index.aspx.

How did roadway turn into private property?

BBMP officials convert public path with fake khata certificates

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Above: Debris dumped to level the road and wall constructed to prevent people using the road; Below: One of the buildings flooded with sewage

Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) authorities have a history of issuing fake khata certificates for revenue properties, with some officials being caught and suspended or dismissed. Now, BBMP revenue department officials have demonstrated that even a public road, existing for over 40 years, is not safe from being falsely converted into private property by corrupt revenue officers in Bommanahalli Zone. A public road at Garvebhavipalya near Kudlu Gate has been encroached upon by a landlord who claims it as his property. It is concerning to find that BBMP revenue officers have issued a khata certificate for this road, which was established over 40 years ago during the layout formation, indicating possible collusion with the encroacher.

The issue involves the encroachment of a 30-feet road at Munireddy Layout near Kudlu Gate. Residential sites in this layout were sold in 1987, with all sale deeds acknowledging the road's existence. The land, identified as Survey No. 46/5, was originally sold to Muni Reddy by Krishna Reddy and three families in 1982. However, on December 30, 2004, Krishna Reddy appealed to the Assistant Commissioner (AC) Court, claiming ownership of the land. The AC Court dismissed the appeal, stating it was not maintainable due to the 21-year delay in filing and failure to provide a convincing reason for the delay. Consequently, Krishna Reddy and others have no legal claim to the property.

However, Krishna Reddy executed a gift deed for the property to his wife, Shakuntala Devi, on December 19, 2023. This gift comes nearly 20 years after his appeal was dismissed by the AC Court, during which he had waited to transfer the property (road) to his wife.

Based on a fraudulent gift deed, BBMP revenue officers issued a B khata for a 30 x 120 feet (3600 sqft) road in April 2024, bypassing proper procedures. When contacted, BBMP Revenue Inspector Abdul Rehaman Badebai explained that he signed the documents following the advice of Assistant Revenue Officer Manjunath, who had an interest in the property deal. "I did not visit the site. I did not prepare the report.

Manjunath brought a file to me and asked me to sign on it and I merely followed his advice," said Abdul Rehaman Badebai.

He mentioned that he had been transferred to Konanakunte. "It is better to contact Manjunath. There is a provision to cancel the B khata. I will request Manjunath to cancel the B khata," he said. He couldn't explain why he signed the document without verifying the site. Residents are now calling for strict action against the BBMP revenue officer and inspector for issuing a fake khata, which led to the closure of a public road. They believe these officers have damaged the BBMP's reputation and are demanding their suspension.

Krishna Reddy, with the BBMP-issued B khata, requested Bangalore Electricity Supply Company Limited (BESCOM) engineers to remove electric poles on the road. The engineers complied without consulting the public, allowing Reddy to convert the road into private property. He then closed the road with a wall, damaging underground drainage (UGD) pipes and causing sewage to flood two or three nearby buildings, one of which resembles a sewage treatment plant (STP). The unhygienic conditions have become a health hazard for residents of the nearby PG accommodations. "The bad odour emanating from the stagnated sewage has become a nuisance and a health hazard," said Bhumika, one of the students residing at the nearby PG.

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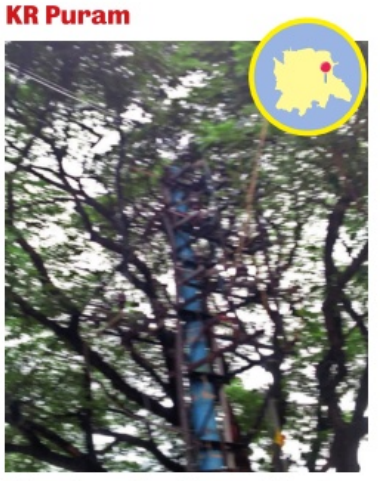
Street hazard
Chinnapanahalli

The entrance of 6B Cross Chinnapanahalli has been dug up and left unattended for a month, becoming a potential breeding ground for dengue and blocking residents from taking out their cars.

Tree trouble
KR Puram



A tree branch on Bazaar Street, behind the KR Puram Rajkumar Bus Stop, is brushing against the transformer, with parts of it also falling onto the road.

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Inaugurated but unusable: Doddakallasandra Lake toilet remains locked

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Walkers at Doddakallasandra Lake face ongoing problems due to a public toilet, inaugurated over eight months ago, that remains locked. The facility, intended for daily use by visitors, is causing significant inconvenience to the community. The toilet was initially constructed and inaugurated by a local elected representative but has never been opened for public use. The primary issue has been the lack of consistent water supply, which has led to the facility's closure for more than three to four months. "Initially, the toilet was not well-connected with water. A borewell was dug, but it didn't work out. Then, tanks supplied water, but that didn't last long either. As a result, the toilets have been shut, causing a lot of inconvenience to the regular walkers," explained Raghavendra B Pachhapur, a lake activist.

Many residents and regular walkers have voiced their concerns, emphasising the need for the toilet to be accessible to everyone, including persons with disabilities. "The toilet needs to be constructed in a way that everyone can use it. For instance, there's a step at the entrance, which makes it difficult for people with disabilities to access it easily. Any public spot should be accessible to disabled persons," a resident pointed out.

Locked public toilet at Doddakallasandra Lake

Another issue highlighted by regular walkers, particularly women, is the uncomfortable location of the entrance to the ladies' toilet, which faces the main walking path. "The entrance should have been on the other side, as it's not comfortable for everyone to enter and exit the toilet, especially when it faces the walking track. The construction should have considered suggestions from the local people," said another resident.

The lack of operation and maintenance of the toilet has been a major concern for the lake's regular visitors. The locked doors and inaccessibility have left the public frustrated. "There should be a standardised design for constructing toilets near lakes. Currently, the main issue is the lack of maintenance, and people are unable to use the toilet. We've been told that there's no water, and without it, they can't open the toilet. But it's been many months now, and the inauguration seems to have been just for show. It's not helpful to the people at all," said a resident.

The walkers at Doddakallasandra Lake are urging authorities to address these issues promptly, ensuring that the public toilet is accessible and functional for all, meeting the needs of the entire community.

26 wrong-side driving cases every hour in B'luru

With 9,397 cases, city represents 77.6% of total cases in Karnataka; tops list

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Did you know that around 26 wrong driving cases are registered on average every hour in Bengaluru? Bengaluru, Hubli-Dharwad, Mangaluru, Belagavi, and Kalburgi are the top five districts with the highest number of wrong-side driving cases in Karnataka in the first 15 days of August. With 9,397 cases from a total of 12,096, Bengaluru's share represents approximately 77.6 per cent of these cases. Hubballi-Dharwad reported 381 cases; Mangaluru reported 508 cases; Belagavi and Kalburgi registered 222 and 226 cases, respectively.

Additional Director General of Police (Traffic) Alok Kumar said, "More than 12,000 wrong driving cases are booked in the state, with Bengaluru leading the pack with 51 First Information Reports filed. Mere enforcement is not enough to curb such violations, as there is a need for change in driving habits."

Wrong-side driving is a serious traffic violation that significantly endangers both the driver and others on the road. A senior police official said that their records indicate an alarming number of such cases in Bengaluru. This surge in violations can be attributed to several factors, including increased traffic congestion, inadequate road infrastructure, and a lack of awareness among drivers about the severe risks involved. "...The primary reason for the high number of these incidents is the intense traffic congestion in urban areas. Drivers, frustrated by the slow-moving traffic, sometimes take desperate measures to save time, leading them to drive against the flow of traffic. Additionally, some roads are poorly marked, and signage is often insufficient, causing confusion among drivers. There is also a growing trend where drivers disregard traffic rules altogether, believing that they can outmanoeuvre regulations without consequence."

Cops urge drivers to be vigilant and adhere to traffic rules

Speaking on measures implemented by the police to combat this issue, another official added that they are intensifying their enforcement efforts by increasing patrols and deploying more traffic cameras to monitor and catch offenders. Moreover, regular checkpoints are set up, and the department is collaborating with local authorities to improve road signage and markings, making it clearer for drivers and reducing the likelihood of confusion.

The official further stated that public awareness campaigns are in place about the dangers behind this practice through media campaigns, workshops, and community outreach programs. "By highlighting the potential consequences of such reckless behaviour, we aim to foster a greater sense of responsibility among road users. Wrong-side driving poses grave dangers not only to the drivers themselves but also to pedestrians and other road users. This unpredictability can lead to head-on collisions, which are often fatal due to the high impact. It also disrupts the normal flow of traffic, increasing the risk of secondary accidents and causing significant delays. Through all these measures, we hope to reduce the number of incidents and ensure that our roads are safer for all. We urge drivers to be vigilant and adhere to traffic rules to prevent accidents and safeguard lives," the official added.

Cops take charge, clear flooded Hebbal Flyover

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Five police officials, including the Assistant Commissioner of Police North, took matters into their own hands on Monday to clear the flooded flyover in Hebbal. The team, armed with construction tools, found several kilogrammes of plastic bottles, covers, and debris clogging the drains.

The inconsistent rainfall is affecting not just the Hebbal Flyover but also nearby areas like Nagawara Junction and others. KG Halli police visited the junction on Wednesday and advised the public to use the skywalks. A police official mentioned that they could increase the number of officers during waterlogging near the junction to manage traffic and prevent congestion.

According to police officials, the ongoing construction activities had led to a buildup of dirt, which, along with the plastic waste, caused severe flooding on the Hebbal Flyover. The flooding caused particular distress for bikers, many of whom were stranded with their vehicles breaking down as water entered their engines. With no immediate help from civic authorities and growing frustration among motorists, the police decided to clear the blockage themselves.

Police officials busy clearing the roadside drains at the flooded road on Monday

A senior police official told BM, "We face this issue every year during the rains. The flyover gets flooded because of garbage, plastic bottles, and mud, largely due to construction debris dumped in open spaces. This debris then flows into the drains, causing blockages. While we can't blame any specific department, there isn't a clear solution. The problem mainly stems from people throwing garbage in open areas and the debris from nearby roadwork being left unattended. The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike's (BBMP) response isn't immediate, and the cycle repeats every time it rains. Garbage and mud are the main culprits."

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No courting trouble, range officers must handle cases

Forest dept order says cases must be registered only by range officers

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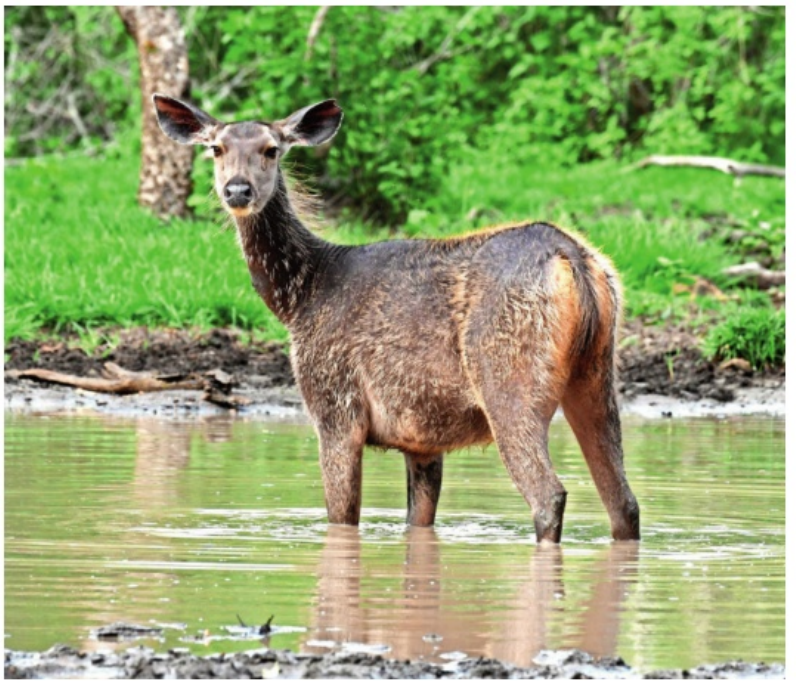
The Karnataka Forest Department (KFD) has issued an order stating that forest offence cases can now be registered only by respective Range Forest Officers (RFOs). According to a circular issued by the Head of the Forest Force, the step will ensure fewer forest offence cases are dismissed by various courts.

Currently, the Karnataka forest manual allows FIRs to be filed by Deputy Range Forest Officers (DRFOs) and forest guards as well.

"Sub-zonal forest officers below the Zonal Forest Officer and beat foresters are not allowed under the Act to sign the FIR and file a case. In some cases, forest cases filed by lower-level staff are dismissed in courts under the provisions of the above Act. The opinion of the Law Department is being sought at the government level on this issue," noted the order copy issued by Brijesh Kumar Dikshit, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Head of Forest Force, KFD.

Wildlife conservationists and activists have welcomed the move. According to a wildlife conservationist, the order will help in faster registration and disposal of forest offence cases. However, experts highlight delays in the submission of inquiry and final reports in forest offence cases, including encroachment.

"Forest offence cases must be registered, inquiry reports must be submitted, and the cases should be disposed of within the stipulated time. However, there are delays at every step. Especially, the inquiry and final reports are not being filed on time. Disciplinary action must be taken against responsible officials. Registering FIR is one part of the process. The cases also need to be taken to their conclusive end," said the conservationist.



Bengaluru has been witnessing big rise in forest encroachment cases

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Spike in encroachment

Bengaluru and its surrounding districts have witnessed a multifold increase in forest encroachment cases this year. According to data from the Karnataka Forest Department (KFD), between April 2023 and March 2024, the Bengaluru circle recorded 743 cases, against 140 cases last year.

These cases were recorded from Bengaluru Rural, Bengaluru Urban, Ramanagara, Kolar, Chikkaballapur, and Bannerghatta National Park divisions. In 2021-22, only 69 encroachment cases were reported.

In 2020-21 and 2019-20, the number of encroachment cases from the Bengaluru Circle was 133 and 83, respectively. Across the state, as many as 1,385 forest encroachment cases have been reported this year. Data from KFD also shows that over 45,000 forest encroachment cases across Karnataka have not reached their logical end.

Man stabbed for 'stalking' woman

A 20-year-old man named Karthik was stabbed on Tuesday in Pantarapalya, under the jurisdiction of the Byatarayanapura police station, for allegedly following a woman despite multiple warnings and threats from her family. The incident occurred around 11 pm when Karthik was confronted by the woman's husband, elder brother, and their friend, leading to a violent altercation.

Karthik had reportedly been following the woman despite being warned by the woman's husband, Vinod, along with her brother Satish. On Tuesday night, when Karthik was seen in Pantarapalya, Vinod, accompanied by Satish and their friend Surya, followed him. In a fit of rage, they stabbed him in the head and stomach. The trio fled the scene after the attack, leaving Karthik severely injured. He was rushed to a nearby hospital by bystanders.

Dasara prep kicks off with majestic jumbo march

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Although Dasara officially begins in October, preparations for the festival have already started with the commencement of the elephant march on Wednesday. The Jamboo Savari, a central attraction of the Nada Habba Dasara festival, was ceremoniously launched near the Veeranahosahalli gate in Nagarahole by Forest Minister Eshwar Khandre and Minister of State HC Mahadevappa. The event featured a traditional puja conducted by Mysuru Palace priests, and the procession was led by nine elephants under the guidance of Abhimanyu.

The 414th Mysuru Dasara Jamboo Savari will involve a total of 14 elephants. The first phase will include nine elephants, include Abhimanyu (58), Bhima (24), Gopi (41), Dhananjaya (43), Kanjan (25), Rohini (22), Lakshmi (53), Varalakshmi (67), and Ekalavya (38). An additional five jumbos will be joining in the second phase. Furthermore, four reserve elephants have been selected to ensure preparedness. The elephants will be formally welcomed to the palace on Friday.

Dasara is a major festival in the region, where the Jamboo Savari, a traditional parade of elephants, remains the festival's main attraction. Forest, Wildlife, and Environment Minister Eshwar Khandre emphasised that the longstanding tradition of performing a puja for the elephants and leading them from the forest to the town has been upheld for generations. He pointed out that the Jamboo Savari, held on Ashwayuja Shuddha Dashami, is a key highlight of the festival, drawing visitors from across India and around the world. He also expressed his regret over the absence of Arjuna, the renowned elephant from last year's festivities. He noted that a memorial for Arjuna has been established near Yasaluru in the Hassan district and announced that a memorial will also be built at the Balle Elephant Camp, where Arjuna resided.

Khandre further underscored the importance of ensuring the health and well-being of the elephants participating in the savari. He expressed his hopes for the festival's success and grandeur and prayed for the blessings of Nada Devi Chamundeshwari.

Peek into history

Historically, under Maharaja Jayachamarajendra Wadiyar and his predecessors, the tradition of worshipping elephants took place at the Masthi Gudi and Masthamma temples near HD Kote before the Gajapayana, or elephant procession, began. Villages along the elephants' route would adorn the pathways, provide offerings of bananas, rice, and jaggery, and conduct rituals for the jumbos, their mahouts, and the entire procession. Although today's elephants and mahouts travel a shorter distance symbolically, these traditions continue through various rituals and ceremonies.

Dasara jumbos led by Abhimanyu on Wednesday symbolically trekked out of the woods at Veeranahosahalli on Wednesday

My signature forged: HDK as Lokayukta seeks prosecution sanction in mining case

Claiming that his signature had been forged in papers granting permission to a firm for mining activities, Union Minister for Heavy Industries and Steel H.D. Kumaraswamy on Wednesday said while reacting to the Karnataka Lokayukta's move to seek prosecution sanction against him, adding that will tackle the matter legally.

Speaking to the media here on Wednesday, H.D. Kumaraswamy said: "The Congress government in Karnataka is targeting me out of envy because I am a Union Minister. They are bringing up an old, long-forgotten case and are trying to implicate me in a matter where my signature doesn't even appear.

"I haven't granted even a pin-sized area to Sai Venkateshwara Minerals Company. They haven't carried out any mining activities, the Central government has not even given them permission, and the state exchequer has not lost a single paisa. Given these facts, how can prosecution permission be sought from the Governor?" the Union Minister questioned.

"I'm not someone who will run away and get scared of the conspiracy that the state government has hatched against me. I will also fight it legally. In the Sai Venkateshwara Minerals case, I will engage in a legal battle. In such situations, one must resort to the law. We must bow to the law of the land," he added.

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Citizens spending from own pockets to maintain green spaces

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need of the hour is to have sufficient manpower to maintain the existing nurseries. "Why do you need private nurseries when we have so many government nurseries? We have the University of Agricultural Sciences, Lalbagh, Cubbon Park, Horticulture departments and Karnataka Forest department. What we need is manpower and maintenance of the urban forestry and avenue trees. We need staff on the ground to work with citizens to enable better urban forestry and arrest climate change. The BBMP Environment, Forest and Climate Action Cell had been formed and they should help the first department to have this implemented,'' said Jacob.

Stating that the BBMP is spending money year after year, Nivedita Sunkad, Managing Trustee of I Care RR Nagar, said the residents are spending lakhs of rupees from their own pockets to procure native species, hiring labour to pit and installing tree guards and watering during summers. "What native species are the BBMP nurseries raising and where is it being planted? Contracts are given out for pitting, planting and watering. Are these really happening? We have never seen any watering done from the BBMP side. The residents themselves are crowd funding," said Sunkad.

However, BBMP Deputy Conservator of Forests said the BBMP plans to establish two nurseries at two different locations. "We floated the tender for the second time as there were no qualified contractors found among those who submitted the tender documents. We are planning to have 20 lakh seedlings at the nurseries,'' said the DCF.

Lights off: Nature does not have do-not-disturb sign

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sighted at Mestripalya this past winter. "The adjoining Mestri park is a good space for walkers at night and can be kept as a human-centric habitat. The perils of interfering with natural ecosystems are well-known. We have all come across recent studies on how the crash of vulture populations in India led to an increased number of human deaths. Putting street lighting around the lake will certainly interfere with the bat populations, particularly those which consume insects, and may lead to a proliferation of mosquitoes in the neighborhood," say locals.

City-based experts say artificial lights beyond sunset disturb birds and can also be a threat to their lives because of increased visibility from their predators, including humans.

"Birds generally go by nature's time cycle of dawn and dusk; they start activities early in the morning and settle down by evening. Nocturnal birds, birds that only become active once the sun goes down, will also be disturbed because of the artificial lights in and around water bodies. Lighting lakes beyond sunset will disturb birds and can also be a threat to their life because of increased visibility from their predators and humans. Lighting lakes is also disrespectful to wildlife and can cause habitat loss, one of the reasons for the loss of biodiversity on the planet today," said Raghavendra B Pachhapur, a city-based lake activist.

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Drivers not employees, Ola tells High Court that was hearing petition of sexual harassment filed by woman

The Karnataka High Court has reserved its order on a petition filed by a woman who alleged sexual harassment by an OLA cab driver during a trip in 2019. The petitioner sought an inquiry into her complaint under the Sexual Harassment of Woman At Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013 (POSH Act), but ANI Technologies, which operates OLA, declined to hold an enquiry based on the advice of their external legal counsel, stating that they lacked jurisdiction in the matter.

Consequently, the petitioner approached the high court, seeking a direction for the company to investigate her complaint. The petition additionally requested an order to be issued to the Union Ministry of Women and Child Development, mandating OLA's strict adherence to the provisions outlined in the Act. Furthermore, it sought a directive to the State government, requiring the issuance of necessary rules to safeguard women and children utilising taxi services, ensuring their well-being and protection.

The plea emphasised the importance of implementing measures that prioritise the safety and security of vulnerable groups, particularly women and children, when availing taxi services. By urging the involvement of both the Union Ministry and the State government, the petition aimed to establish a comprehensive framework that would hold OLA accountable for complying with the Act's provisions and create a safer environment for its passengers.

During the hearing, the petitioner's counsel argued that OLA acts like a transport company and is responsible for the driver's actions. The counsel emphasised, "If there was a disclaimer by OLA that we were not responsible for you, then I (petitioner) would not have taken the cab." He asserted that the POSH Act was applicable to the company, and their internal committee should not have dismissed the complaint.

Petitioner's counsel asserts that POSH Act was applicable to the company, and their internal committee should not have dismissed woman's complaint

On the other hand, Senior Advocate Dhyan Chinnappa, representing OLA, sought the petition's dismissal, arguing that labour legislation cannot be applied to independent contractors like the drivers, and OLA cannot be considered an employer. He maintained that OLA is an intermediary and that holding the driver as an employee would be an extreme stretch. The senior counsel also submitted that action had been taken against the driver and contended that no punitive damages could be ordered against the company.

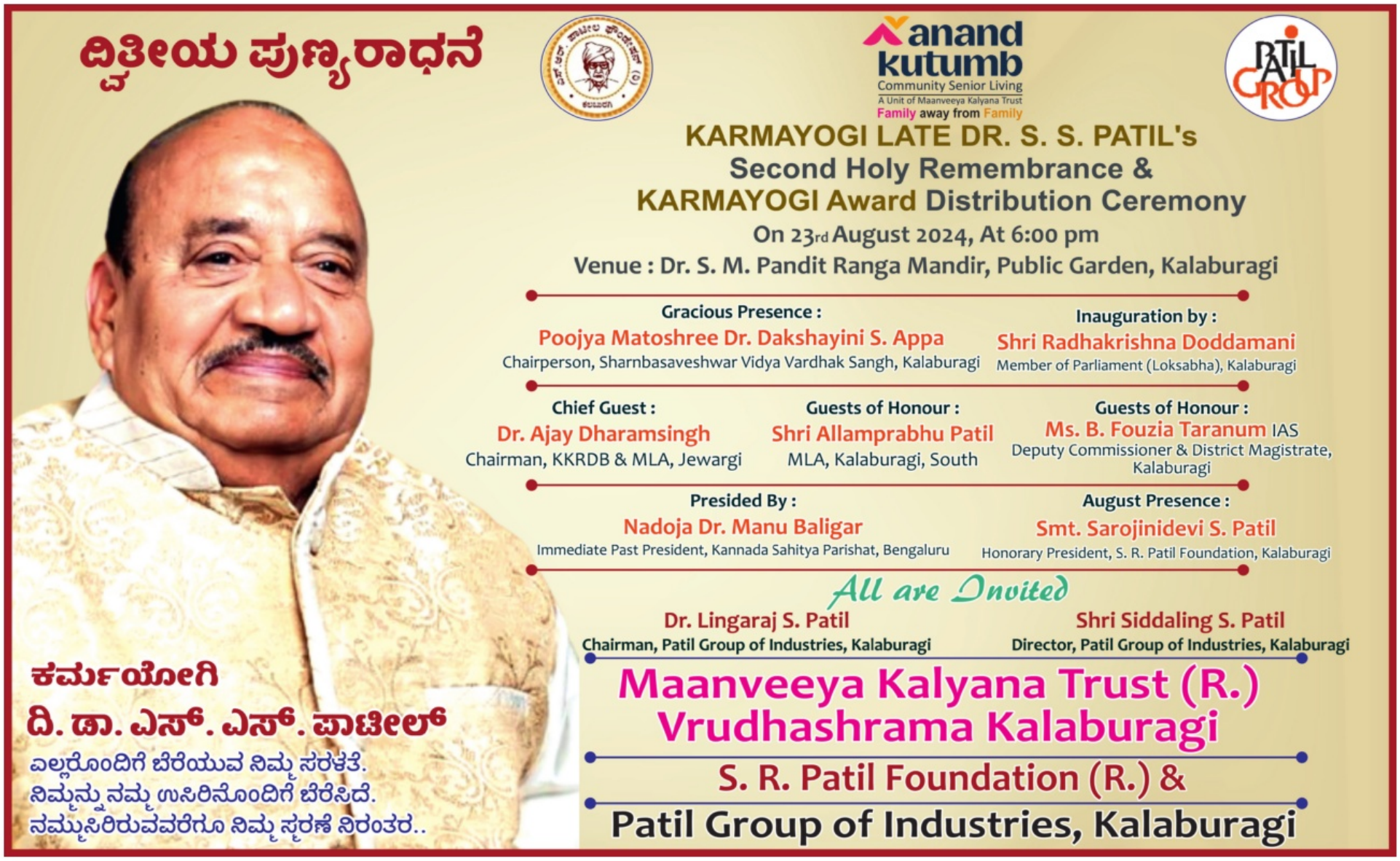
The high court questioned whether OLA would be responsible since the complainant contacted them for a cab, and the driver against whom the allegation was made was sent by OLA. The court also expressed displeasure at the affidavit filed by the state government and stated that it would address the same in its order.

State govt rapped for civil services board delay

The Karnataka High Court expressed its displeasure with the State government's failure to establish a civil services board (CSB) for the posting and transfer of IAS officers, despite clear directives from the Supreme Court in 2013 and the High Court in 2021.

The Division Bench, led by Chief Justice NV Anjaria and Justice KV Aravind, termed the government's conduct as "no less than contumacious" during the hearing of a PIL petition filed by Rishab Trakroo, a Bengaluru-based advocate. The Bench emphasised that the government cannot remain inactive for over a decade, and its behavior amounts to contempt of the apex court's orders. The government has been instructed to respond by September 11. The Supreme Court, in its 2013 judgment in TSR Subramaniam's case, had directed the Central government, all State governments, and Union Territories to establish CSBs to regulate the posting and transfer of IAS officers. Consequently, the Union government amended the Indian Administrative Service (Cadre) Rules, 1954, effective from January 28, 2014, creating the CSB and setting minimum tenures for IAS officers.

The State government had also issued a notification on January 31, 2014, establishing the State CSB in accordance with the Supreme Court's directions. However, on March 3, 2014, the State Cabinet decided to keep the notification in abeyance and "to continue the conventions being followed previously" regarding the posting of IAS officers. In a petition filed by Sharath B, an IAS officer who questioned his transfer without the CSB's involvement, the High Court had directed the government on July 8, 2021, to set up the CSB within two months. —BMB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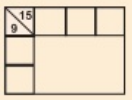
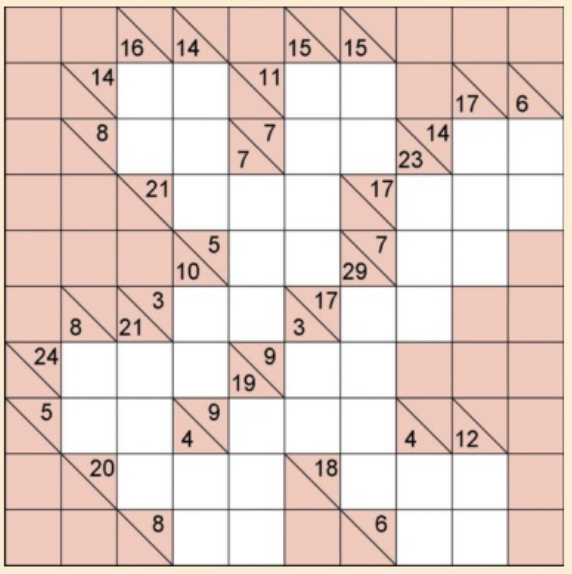


for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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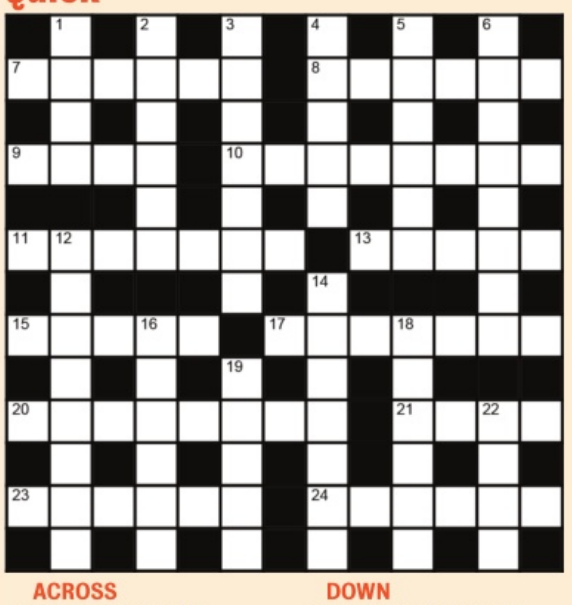


ACROSS

7 Specialised piece of equipment (6)
8 Distinguishing characteristics (6)
9 Faint colour spread over a surface (4)
10 Designating blood vessels (8)
11 Decorated or ornamented (7)
13 Muddle (5)
15 Bone prefix (5)
17 Let loose (7)
20 Capital of Hawaii (8)
21 Chicken curry native to Karnataka (4)
23 Hankered for (6)
24 Hirsute Biblical hero (6)

DOWN

1 Food store in short? (4)
2 Disorderly lout (6)
3 Park seats (7)
4 Tale (5)
5 Prohibited or disallowed (6)
6 Alarms or takes by surprise (8)
12 Plays or frolics, gambles (8)
14 Post mortem examination (7)
16 Periods, ages (6)
18 Igloo dweller (6)
19 Finances (5)
22 Weaving machine (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: O EQUALS D

JNI HCL V XII VJ, VJ OKIXR'J ECJJIT HNCJ LKW AIZVIPI DWXJ XK LKW'TI XVRGITI.– GNCTZIX E. XGNWZQ

Linemaro

Your lips look lonely. Would they like to meet mine?

Mindchow

Ctrl yourself; look for Alt solutions; Delete the situation which gives you tension

Joke of the day

Teacher: Did your father help with your homework?
Student: No, he did it all by himself

Loop

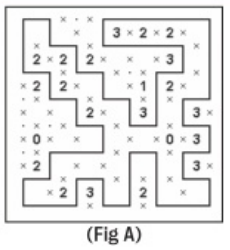
Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

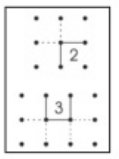
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)

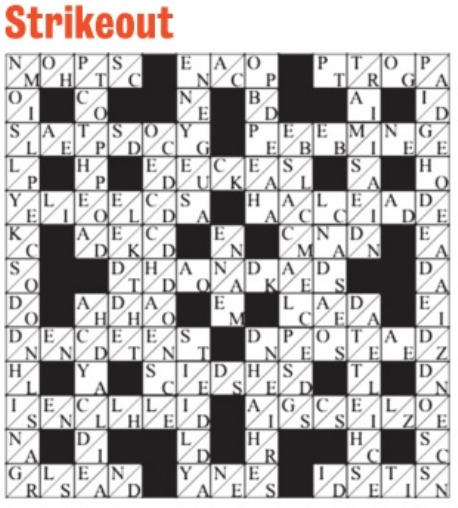


(Fig A)



(Fig B)
Not Allowed

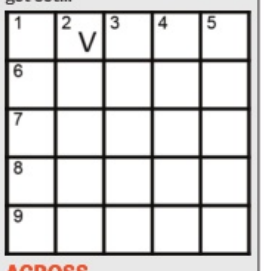
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

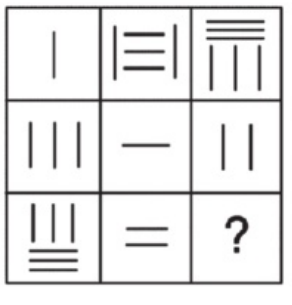
1 Value; 6 In MIB;
7 Bares; 8 Tital;
9 Lures

DOWN

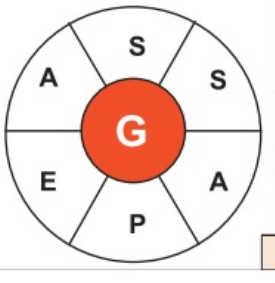
1 Urban; 2 IV rut;
3 Melia (1-4); 4 Ale be;
5 Slits

Mensapuzzle

How manu "sticks" go in the box with the question mark?



Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

04 Average; 05 Good; 07 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

	7	2				1	8	
	1		9		7		3	
4								6
	8		5		2		1	
		1	3		8	6		
	6		7		9		4	
9								8
	4		2		6		5	
	3	6				7	9	

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

Easy = 13
3 7 8 9

Medium = 6
2 5 6 9

Hard = 41
4 7 7 6

Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

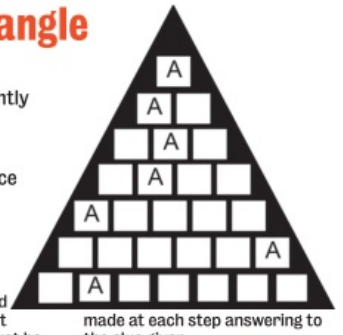
Differences: 1. Car door handle is missing. 2. Purse is different. 3. Arrow is reversed. 4. Clipboard is longer. 5. Truck window is different. 6. Shirt pocket is missing.

Riddler

The pain is gone—it's old news The memory though is hard to lose Resulting in, today, the blues, And dare I say, some darker hues Can you please make it plain with these clues What's this reminder of pain? Don't refuse.

Alpha triangle

1 First letter
2 Silver symbol
3 Find fault constantly
4 Pealed
5 Inert gas
6 Mohair source
7 Model of excellence

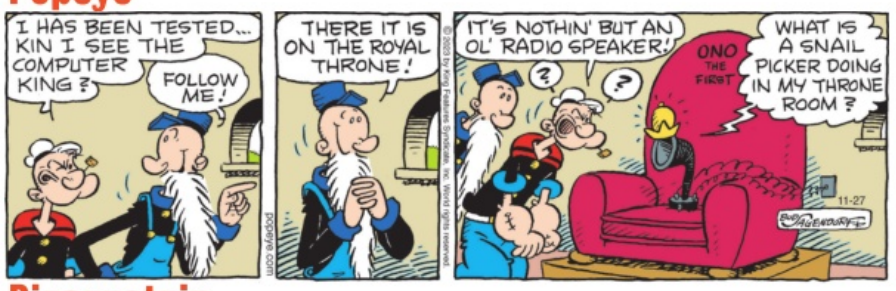


Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

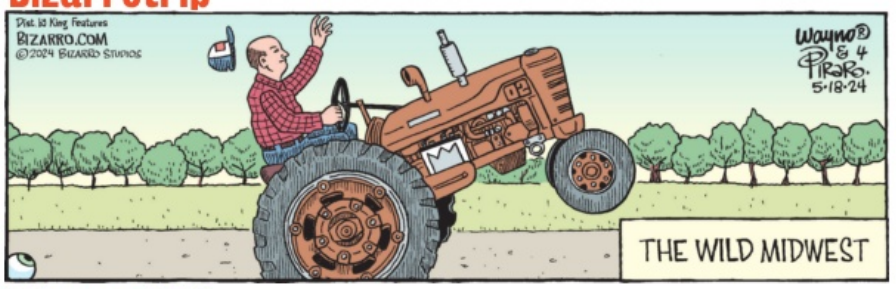
DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

COMICS

Popeye

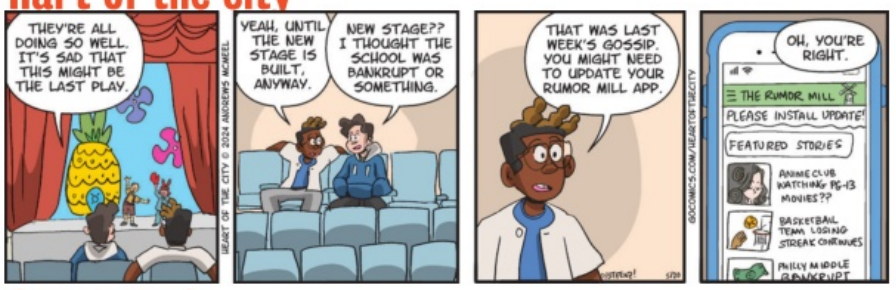

I HAS BEEN TESTED... KIN I SEE THE COMPUTER KING?
FOLLOW ME!
THERE IT IS ON THE ROYAL THRONE!
IT'S NOTHIN' BUT AN OL' RADIO SPEAKER!
ONO THE FIRST
WHAT IS A SNAIL PICKER DOING IN MY THRONE ROOM?
11-27

Bizarrotrip



Diamond Lil

Hart of the city


THEY'RE ALL DOING SO WELL. IT'S SAD THAT THIS MIGHT BE THE LAST PLAY.
YEAH, UNTIL THE NEW STAGE IS BUILT, ANYWAY.
NEW STAGE?? I THOUGHT THE SCHOOL WAS BANKRUPT OR SOMETHING.
THAT WAS LAST WEEK'S GOSSIP. YOU MIGHT NEED TO UPDATE YOUR RUMOR MILL APP.
OH, YOU'RE RIGHT.
THE RUMOR MILL
PLEASE INSTALL UPDATE
FEATURED STORIES
ANIME CLUB WATCHING PG-13 MOVIES??
BASKETBALL TEAM LOSING STREAK CHRONICLES
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Crankshaft

SO WERE THEY SURPRISED ABOUT YOU WANTING TO HOLD THE STARBUCK JONES PREMIERE HERE?
YOU BET... ABOUT AS SURPRISED AS YOUR PARENTS ARE GOING TO BE WHEN WE TELL THEM YOU'RE PREGNANT!
BATIUK & DAVIS
5-18

Mutts

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today, you may perform your best in the office. You may have a good bond with the boss, and you may get some new responsibilities in terms of promotions. You may get good incentives for your work as well. Chronic health issues may be cured now. Disputes with the siblings may be resolved now. Job seekers may find their desired job.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today, you need to have patience. You may feel that your life has become challenging and may take some advice from your elders to survive in the given situation. Kids' education also makes you upset; you may have a short trip in terms of their academics. Investors are advised to avoid speculation before making any investments.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today, you will be a victim of dissatisfaction. You may not get the result of your hard work, which may cause disappointment. You are advised to read documents carefully before signing a new contract. Investment in the assets may also be possible, but you are advised to follow your intuition before making investments in fixed assets.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today, you may be busy with social get-togethers and family occasions. It may increase your network. You may also plan for a work-related short trip. Disagreements between siblings will be resolved now. Your subordinates may cooperate with you to complete a difficult project. Your confidence may be high. You are advised to keep your patience while interacting with anyone.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today, you may be busy with family get-togethers; you may become polite with the people around you, which may increase your image among your relatives and friends. You will spend money on buying some artefacts and other things that will improve your social status. You may hear some good news from one of your close relatives.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today, you may be happy and enjoy your day-to-day work. Your vital power may help you make difficult decisions, which will increase your profits in the near future. You may plan for a work-related short trip. Subordinates and colleagues may support you in completing your work on time. You are advised to control your eating habits to avoid stomach issues. Students may find themselves more focused on their studies.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today, you may feel dull. Sleeplessness may affect your mental and physical health as well. You may also be upset due to the health issues of a family member. Your expenditure on worthless stuff may affect your savings. You may be a victim of a conspiracy, so you are advised to keep an eye on your opponents.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today, you may start your day with happiness. At work, you may make quick decisions, which may have benefits in the near future. You may expect some new source of income, which may boost your savings. With the help of your partner, you may invest some amount in the business, which may be profitable in the near future. Your understanding of your spouse may be increased, which may result in harmony in your domestic life.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today, you may be busy at your office. Due to being mentally tired, you may not be able to give time to your family. With the help of the elder's blessings, job seekers may get a high position in the job, and managers may get promoted to top management. Professionally, you may do better. You may get rewards, which may increase your status.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today, you may be happy and have good patience, which may reflect in your way of working. You may complete your task in an efficient way, and you may be able to control your opponents. You may plan to visit some religious places. You may also make a donation to a religious place or to a charity. Lovebirds may develop trust in their relationship.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today, you may feel unhappy or dull; it may affect your way of working, and there may be some delay in the completion of your projects. It may affect your prestige in your professional and domestic lives. It is advised to avoid adventure tours or rush-hour driving. Lovebirds may break up. Job seekers may be disappointed in terms of a new job.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today, you may feel positive vibrations around you. Things are under control now. You may plan to start a new business as a partnership. You may expect some long-distance travel as well. You will have faith in your spouse, which will bring harmony to your domestic life.

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Average family = {(3 x average children + 2 x average parents) / 5}
= 21 years

STRIKE OUT

M	O	P	S		N	C	O		P	R	O	P		
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QUICK

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MENSA PUZZLE

SUDOKU

3	7	2	6	5	4	1	8	9
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ALPHA TRIANGLE
A, AG, NAG, RANG, ARGON, ANGORA, PARAGON.

GO FIGURE
Easy
3 + 8 + 9 − 7 = 13
Medium
2 x 5 − 9 x 6 = 6
Hard
4 x 7 + 6 + 7 = 41

LOOP

KAKURO

QUOTE UNCODE
The way I see it, it doesn't matter what you believe just so you're sincere. – Charles M. Schulz

4 sticks; 156 is doubled to 312, which doubled to 624.

1	5	6
3	1	2
6	2	4

FAST FIVE

U	V	E	A	L
N	I	M	B	I
B	R	A	E	S
A	T	I	L	T
R	U	L	E	S

BULL'S EYE
agape, gape, gasp, page, PASSAGE, saga, sage

RIDDLER A bruise

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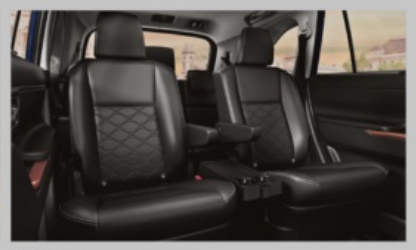

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